

GOVERNOR BLACK DROGES THE CANAL QUESTION



people and to stay their anger until after November 5.

"Can it be wondered at that the honor of the audience upon which they sought to impose, and whose silence they would construe into assent, if not indifference, should not permit the speaker to continue in this attempt to use them? Or is it a matter of surprise that they should break silence with hisses of contempt and disapproval, resending the insult of their intelligence and honesty?"

This scene was reported in the partisan and independent press of this State. It threw this band of travellers into disorder, and it would be well to mark the conflict in their last statements, by which they try to soften the blow of such honest indignation on the part of that audience, gathered where the State Superintendent of Public Works, who was in charge of the trust for canal improvements, was at home.

The Republican candidate for Governor and his companions first assert that the Lieutenant-Governor undertook such defence against their wishes and advice. But, forsooth, this was a greater mistake than that made by his associate. It was an express admission of the truth of the frauds set forth in the report and the charges against them; an admission which, up to this time, was implied by the silence of the Republican candidate for Governor and his associates upon this subject.

Another effort must be resorted to to lessen the stroke of justice, so all, in union, then declared that "consolidation of the canal question" was not the issue. It was not inflated tonnage—it was the indignation of an honest and intelligent audience against an unscrupulous and cowardly insult to the honorable Commissioner who investigated the canal frauds and conservatively and leniently set them forth in their report.

Lieutenant-Governor's so-called defence could have been still presented to the public through the friendly as well as the unfriendly press of the State. But the candidate did not warrant the undertaking.

Tonilists does not block up all the channels through which information may be conveyed to the public. The candidate for Governor still rests upon his own statement that he is honest and that the question submitted to him has been found by him to be correct and that he will correct them and punish the wrongdoers. He asks the people to crown the efforts of public officers with success by electing him Governor, so he can investigate and punish them "if he, their candidate for Governor, should be guilty."

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Troop C's Brave Commander.

CLAYTON IS A MAN OF IDEAS.

A Brave Soldier Himself, He Believes in the Journal's National Policy.

The Democrats of Brooklyn feel sure of adding another vote to that for the Journal policy in the next Congress by the election of Captain Bertram T. Clayton, as Representative from the Fourth District. The district is now represented by Israel F. Fischer, a Republican and a Platt adherent in the Kings County factional fights. Captain Clayton has waged a campaign that puts him in the winning column. He stands squarely for the Journal policy, and he has the vigor that insures his doing more than vote in Washington. As everybody knows, he is the commanding officer of Troop C, which distinguished itself in Porto Rico. He is of an old line of Southern Democrats and his oldest brother is Alabama's representative in the National Committee. A graduate of West Point, he speaks with knowledge of the advantages of a great university at West Point, and as a National Guardsman of eight years' standing in Brooklyn, he knows what is best for the citizen soldiery of the country. His district takes in many miles of the water front of South Brooklyn, and his interest in its shipping interests insures his support for the building of the Nicaragua Canal and the Government ownership of it. He said yesterday:

Favors Journal Policy.

I think the Journal's policy is right. The Journal's work in this is on a line with what it did when it aroused the Democrats and then the country and forced the Republicans to take up the Cuban matter. By the way, the fact that Democratic papers and Democratic public men were the first to take up this Cuban matter was to be forgotten by our opponents just at this time. If I remember rightly, the strongest opposition met with was from Senator Hanna and Speaker Reed.

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The Man Who'll Beat Lafay Schum.

THE Democratic candidate for Assembly in the Twelfth District is making a strong campaign, and with every chance of victory. This year the Socialist vote in the Twelfth is split between Bennett, the Socialist candidate, and Barondess, who runs on the Social Democracy platform. The regular Socialist vote there is about 800.

The Republican strength is normally 1,500 in the district, though Schum may poll more than that. Sanders, the Democratic candidate, expects 3,000 or more. Last year the Republicans, Citizens' Union and Henry George people nominated Stecker, who was beaten by the regular Democratic candidate.

This year the Republicans are "going it alone." The Socialists are fighting among themselves, and the Citizens' Union men are supporting Sanders, who should win by from 1,500 to 2,000 plus ally.

of nine millions that the work would be done for twice that sum, but in the name of heaven what does it take to constitute fraud?

Governor Black's Action.

"Governor Black, when this report was made, came out of his retreat in the north woods and gathered about him a group of people, and he said: 'There should be no investigation. Nobody was to say to me that this young man was doing anything wrong. They say there was no dishonesty. I would like to know how much more they can classify as such and pay for as such and still be honest men.'

"No fraud? Why, gentlemen, I am not a lawyer, but I would convict that word before a jury and the jury would never leave its seats. Now, gentlemen